

## ► COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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The study is organized into five work groups: Economics, Governance, Indicators, Mapping/Information and Outreach, coordinated by monthly meetings of work group representatives. Overall policy and budget decisions were made by the Friends of Taunton Bay Executive Committee.

Participants representing the five Taunton Bay Study workgroups met monthly from April 2005 through December 2006 to report on completed, in-progress and planned activities, thus keeping mutually informed on the entire project and avoiding duplication of effort. The group met in Hancock with a total of 59 attendees. Meetings totaled more than 150 hours of person time exclusive of travel from as far as Deer Isle and Augusta. Attendees came from 10 towns and at least 14 organizations. The group had expertise in mapping, land conservation, economics, several fisheries, statistics, local history, biology, water quality, organizational change, meeting facilitation, photography, mediation and other study-related fields. Attendees reported back to their own work groups and to the State so that all interested parties were fully aware of activities.

The Coordinating Committee also suggested policies to the Friends of Taunton Bay Executive Committee, leading to the following executive committee-approved policies for TTBS confidentiality and publications:

**Confidentiality:** All material or information provided to the Taunton Bay Study will be considered public information. It is an obligation of each person involved in the Study to make this known to interviewees

**Publications:** Taunton Bay Study draft reports and State of Maine deliverables will be circulated to the appropriate group(s) in time for a one-week period for comments to the author(s). All comments will be acknowledged, and if not incorporated in the report, minority reports and/or comments will be included if submitted within one week of acknowledgement.

Since the bulk of the study work was performed within the workgroups, the Coordinating Committee proved useful as a forum, a vehicle for communication and as a mechanism to avoid redundant efforts by workgroups with overlapping areas of interest.

*(see TTBS Organizational Chart next page.)* □

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